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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—The object of this Society is the improvement of Young Men, as it regards their physical, intellectual, moral and religious interests ; and by the agency of its members to aim at a similar improvement in the community at large, and that by the following means :—

1st. Encouraging the delivery of popular, literary and scientific Lectures, imbued by a sound christian spirit, and illustrated by suitable diagrams and other aids to Lecturers.

2nd. Promoting the formation of popular Libraries, and mutual instruction or other classes, lending any assistance in its power to kindred institutions, and, where practicable, to form branch institutions.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

ART. II.—The Office-bearers and Committee of Management shall consist of such persons only as agree to the following

DOCTRINAL BASIS,

which affirms : the divine inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, and their sufficiency as a perfect rule of faith and practice ; the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ ; the atonement made by Him for sinners, to wit : "That God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing *their* trespasses unto them."

MEMBERS.

ART. III.—1st. Any person paying twelve shillings and sixpence or more annually shall be a member of this Society, entitled to vote at all general business meetings, and shall be eligible to fill any of its offices.

JUNIOR MEMBERS.

2nd. Any young man under twenty-one years of age paying seven shillings and sixpence or more annually, shall be a junior member of this Society, and entitled to vote at general business meetings.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

3rd. Any person paying an annual subscription of one pound five shillings shall be an Associate Member, and shall, besides the privileges of an ordinary member, be entitled to a card admitting himself and one lady to all ordinary lectures ; one-half of the subscription to be devoted to the purchase of Library, or Apparatus.

LIFE MEMBERS.

3rd. Any person paying five pounds or more at

one time, shall be a life member of this Society, and eligible to fill any of its offices.

4th. Honorary and Corresponding Members shall be nominated by the General Committee.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

ART. IV.—1st. A Committee consisting of not less than twelve members, nor more than twenty-four, (exclusive of ex-officio members), shall be elected at the first general meeting, for the purpose of conducting the business of this Society ; five to constitute a quorum.

2nd. The Committee elected, shall retire at the close of the year, when an equal number shall be elected to replace them, of whom, at least, one-half shall have been members of the retiring Committee, and so on from year to year.

OFFICERS AND MODE OF ELECTION.

ART. V.—1st. That a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, two Trustees, and two Auditors shall be elected at each annual general meeting, all of whom shall be members of Committee ex-officio, and eligible for re-election.

2nd. All Ministers of the Gospel being members of this Society shall be ex-officio Vice-Presidents.

ANNUAL AND GENERAL MEETINGS.

ART. VI.—1st. That the Annual General Meeting be held the first Monday in December, to which a report of the Society's operations, and a statement of its financial position, shall be presented.

2nd. The Officers and Committee for the ensuing year shall be then elected.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

3rd. The Committee shall meet at least once every month—may call Special General Meetings, and make bye-laws.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

4th. The Committee shall call Special General Meetings of this Society upon receiving through the Secretary a requisition to that effect, signed by not less than twelve members.

ALTERATIONS OF CONSTITUTION.

ART. VII.—1st. That the doctrinal basis of this Society shall be unalterable ; no alteration shall be made in the constitution, excepting ten days notice of the proposed alterations shall have been given to the members by the Secretary previous to the Annual or Special General Meeting, to which such alterations are intended to be submitted.

2nd. That twenty-one members, exclusive of Officers and Committee, do constitute a quorum ; two-thirds of the members present shall form a majority to effect the said alteration.

THE PUBLICATIONS.

VIII.—The publications recognized by this Society shall be free from party politics, neither unscriptural nor sectarian in their character, and shall not ignore or impugn the doctrinal basis.

NOTICES.

IX.—All notices shall be given by circular, or advertisement, in two Quebec newspapers, published in the English language.

BY-LAWS.

THE UNION shall consist of an unlimited number of Ordinary, Junior, Associate, Life, Corresponding and Honorary members.

CORRESPONDING & HONORARY MEMBERS

shall be proposed by the President, or by a requisition signed by three members of the Committee ; two-thirds of the members present to form a majority for the election of members proposed.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The duties of Officers and Committee shall be as follows :—

(1st.) THE PRESIDENT shall take the Chair at the meeting of the Society, and at Committees, if present—shall maintain the integrity of the Constitution, good order and decorum, regulate debates—shall decide all points of order, subject to an appeal to the meeting, which shall be taken without discussion.

He shall countersign all cheques drawn by the Treasurer, shall not vote as a member, except at elections, and in cases of equal division of votes.

(2nd.) THE VICE-PRESIDENTS, in order of seniority, (those annually elected having the precedence) shall assist the President in his duties, and in his absence shall perform them.

(3rd.) THE RECORDING SECRETARY shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Union ; shall have the

care of all records, papers and documents, not otherwise appropriated ; shall have the care and attend to the filling up of tickets of membership ; shall be required to notify the members of the Committee, or the society, of extraordinary meetings ; and shall be required to notify every member of his election to office, within one week from the time of his election.

(4th.) THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY shall conduct the correspondence of the Union ; shall keep copies of all letters written by him ; and shall notify Honorary and Corresponding members of their election within one week thereafter.

(5th.) THE TREASURER shall take charge of the funds of the Society, and attend to the collection and payment of monies ; he shall deposit in the name of the Union all sums over five pounds, as soon as received by him, in such Bank as the Committee may from time to time direct ; he shall make no payment except by order of the Committee, nor withdraw any monies from the Bank except by cheques signed by himself and countersigned by the President ; he shall grant receipts in printed form for all payments made to the institution ; he shall lay his books and vouchers before the Committee whenever they may require him, and shall submit to the Committee a semi-annual statement of the receipts, payments, assets and liabilities of the Union, accompanied by the vouchers, showing the actual cash balance on hand.

(6th.) THE ASSISTANT-TREASURER shall generally assist the Treasurer in the performance of his duties.

(7th.) THE TRUSTEES shall have the care of the diagrams, apparatus, and other property of the Union ; they shall be required to give the President a receipt for such property as may be placed in their custody ; they

shall supply classes or lecturers with such diagrams, or apparatus, in their possession, as may be required, upon presentation of a written order from a class leader or lecturer, taking a receipt therefor from the person receiving the same.

(8th.) THE AUDITORS shall, upon presentation of the Treasurer's report, examine his books, vouchers, &c., and report to the general committee.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

THE COMMITTEE shall meet the second Thursday of each month for the transaction of business at the Committee room at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Special meetings of the Committee may be called by the President, or by the requisition of five of its members, presented to the Secretary, who shall forthwith notify said Committee.

The Committee shall, at the first meeting after its election, appoint the following Officers and Committee :

AN ASSISTANT TREASURER,

A COMMITTEE OF FINANCE AND APPARATUS, composed of three members of the General Committee,

A LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

A CLASSES COMMITTEE,

A LECTURE COMMITTEE,

(1st.) THE FINANCE COMMITTEE shall exercise a general supervision over all the financial affairs of the Union ; they shall examine all accounts presented for payment, and report thereon—which report shall in every case be final.

(2nd.) THE LECTURE COMMITTEE shall provide suitable accommodation for lecturers ; shall obtain from the

trustees (subject to the approval of the general committee) by the order of the lecturer, such diagrams, apparatus, or other property as may be required by him.

(3rd.) THE CLASSES COMMITTEE shall locate the different classes, secure the services of competent teachers, and generally afford such assistance as may be in their power, for the advancement of the various classes.

(4th.) THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE shall take charge of the library, receive donations of books, and make such additions by purchase, as shall be ordered by the general committee.

(5th.) BOOKS.—The following books shall be kept by the committee : A Minute Book ; a Register Book ; a Book containing the " Doctrinal Basis," in which the officers and committee shall be required to inscribe their names ; Books for the Treasurer ; Receipt Book for Trustees, and such other books as may become necessary.

(6th.) MISCONDUCT.—Any complaints of misconduct against a member from the leader of any class, or any two members thereof, shall be submitted in writing to the committee, who shall investigate the same, and are empowered to suspend or expel any such member—two-thirds of the members present to form a majority.

(7th.) HOURS FOR CLOSING CLASSES.—Classes shall not be kept open after ten o'clock, P.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. At the appointed hour, if there be a quorum, the President, or, in his absence, the senior Vice-President, shall take the Chair.
2. The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting by the Secretary.
3. Reading of Communications received by the Corresponding Secretary since the last meeting.
4. Reading reports of Officers and Committees.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Suggestions for the advancement of the interests of the Union.
8. Adjournment.